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In re application of : Confirmation No. 7609  
Masayuki TAKAHASHI : Docket No. 2000\_1416A  
Serial No. 09/673,518 : Group Art Unit 2171  
Filed December 6, 2000 : Examiner Etienne P. Leroux

DIGITAL DATA  
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION METHOD,  
AND DIGITAL DATA  
RECORDING/REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 2, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 16-26.

- (X) A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- (X) The extension fee of \$870.00 for a third month extension of time is submitted with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.
- (X) The Appeal Fee of [X] \$340.00 (other than Small Entity)  
[ ] \$170.00 (Small Entity)
- (X) is enclosed  
( ) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. The original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
- ( ) Small entity status of this application is established by the verified statement under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 which

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- is enclosed.
  - has been previously submitted.
- The Appeal Fee is not required since it was paid in a prior appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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